

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2025**

The Commissioners' Court of Van Zandt County met at the above-named date and time in the County Courtroom in the Van Zandt County Courthouse in Canton, Texas. The members present were County Judge Andy Reese, Commissioner Pct. 1 Mitch Curtis, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cliff Williams, Commissioner Pct. 3 Bobby Phillips and Commissioner Pct. 4 Brandon Barton. Notice was given by posting in compliance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code on all the following before the Court for consideration:

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM. 9:01 A.M. All present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS . Court House will be closed on Memorial Day May 26, 2025. There will be a Veteran's Memorial event at 10:00 A.M. Judge announced that Town Hall meetings will be held starting in June. Bobby Phillips presented a 5 year pin and certificate to Dalton Stringer. District Attorney Tonda Curry gave update on the BESS litigation and stated that we had another two week extension.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS THE COUNTY JUDGE, OR A COMMISSIONER REQUESTS AN ITEM BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- A.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING(S) OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND APPROVAL OF SAME FOR MAY 7, 2025.**
- B.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING OF COUNTY'S BILLS AS SUBMITTED**
- C.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MONTHLY REPORTS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND APPROVAL ENTRY OF SAME IN THE COURT'S MINUTES AS A MATTER OF RECORD.**
- D.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER TO BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT**
- E.) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND/OR UTILITY LINES**

.VZCR 2505 (AERIAL) - CHARTER SPECTRUM

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.VZCR 3212 - CHATTER SPECTRUM

.VZCR 4106 & VZCR 4108 - CHARTER SPECTRUM

.VZCR 4814 - CHARTER SPECTRUM

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mitch Curtis and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

PRESENTATION AND UPDATE BY JONATHAN STUART WITH GRANTWORKS ABOUT ARPA GRANT STATUS. Judge Andy Reese gave an update on the 2020 ARPA Grant stating we have spent to date 8 million dollars.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO APPLY FOR THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FROM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR USE BY COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. This is put on by the Comptroller's Office. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES OF DREWREY CONSTRUCTION AND DEBRIS TECH FOR THE SERVICE OF REMOVING VEGETATIVE DEBRIS FROM THE COUNTY ROADS RIGHT OF WAYS UNDER THE FEMA DECLARED DISASTER 4781 DR-TX AND AUTHORIZE ANY BUDGET TRANSFERS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS. REIMBURSEMENT OF THESE EXPENSES ARE TO BE PAID 75% FEMA AND 25% TDEM. The County started removal of debris on March 6, 2025, and finished May 9, 2025. The County estimated we would have 12,000 cubic yards of debris; the final number was 28,000 cubic yards. Roughly 640 load tickets. Total cost \$1,048,275.04. Breakdown per Pct.1 - 16% Pct. 2 -44% Pct. 3 -28% and Pct. 4-12%. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING TOMMY FORGUE FOR VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER POSITION. Start date will be June 1, 2025. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF WHITE PINES ESTATES LOCATED ON PR 5808 IN PRECINCT I. 20 day extension plat revision. Motion to approve extension by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPLAT OF LOT 29 OF ACORN ESTATES LOCATED ON VZCR 2715 IN PRECINCT 2. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REDDING SUBDIVISION PLAT LOCATED ON VZCR 4700 IN PRECINCT 4. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER #5 FOR EQUIPMENT FROM L3 HARRIS FOR P25 RADIO SYSTEM. (ITEM MOVED TO AFTER #5) This is all from the ARPA funds. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATING THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AND DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR. Motion to designate County Judge as Floodplain Administrator. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cliff Williams and second by Commissioner Brandon Barton. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATING THE CURRENT SALVAGE/WRECKING/JUNK YARD ORDINANCE. (District Attorney, Tonda Curry recommended having a Public Hearing). Motion to table by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM CONTINGENCY LINE 021-621-800 TO EQUIPMENT RENTAL LINE 021-621-461. This is to rent a drum roller from ROMCO for three months. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Mitch Curtis. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OFFY2025 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S BILLS FOR PAYMENT AS SUBMITTED. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bobby Phillips and second by Commissioner Cliff Williams. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Barton and second by Commissioner Bobby Phillips. All voted in favor. 10:08 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan Strickland, County Clerk
Van Zandt County, Texas

BY: Susan Strickland

Cliff Williams
County Judge

Mitch Curtis
Commissioner, Pct. #1

Brandon Barton
Commissioner, Pct. #2

Bobby Phillips
Commissioner, Pct. #3

Cliff Williams
Commissioner, Pct. #4